

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

APRIL 19, 2021

Members of the State Board of Public School Education met via Microsoft Teams on Monday, April 19, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Sonia Meehl at 1:01 PM. The following State Board members were in attendance for the meeting:

Mr. Josh Johnson

Dr. Steve Holen

Mr. Jeff Fastnacht

Superintendent Kirsten Baesler

Mr. Burdell Johnson

Ms. Maria Effertz Hanson

Ms. Sonia Meehl

Also present: Allyson Hicks, Alice Johnson, Caryn Woodstead, Adam Tescher (NDDPI)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Josh Johnson moved that the minutes of the March 15, 2021 meeting be approved. Ms. Effertz Hanson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

The State Board members reviewed the appointment of new school board members for the Grand Forks Air Force Base. A motion was made by Superintendent Baesler to approve the appointments of Brent Harland and Jenna Witmer to the board. Mr. Fastnacht seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Hicks provided a legislative update on HB 1337, sharing that there had been a concurrence and that the bill has been sent to the Governor. Superintendent Baesler shared that HB 1013, relating to the budget for NDDPI, would be in conference committee today. Chairman Meehl asked Superintendent Baesler to share the budget for the State Board of Public School Education at an upcoming meeting.

Superintendent Baesler called on Adam Tescher from NDDPI to share any pertinent information. Mr. Tescher informed that Board that there had been a bill presented relating

to school districts on Air Force bases in the state and that if that bill passed it could possibly affect the Board in that they may not be called on to approve board members for the air bases in the future.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Hicks provided the Board with some background information on box C2 of the annexation findings of fact, which relates to what happens to taxes associated with a property in an annexation.

Ms. Hicks also gave the Board guidance on what should be included in the Findings of Fact when an annexation is approved or denied.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 17, 2021

Discussion was held about whether the May meeting would be in person and it was decided to hold it with both an in person and virtual option. There being no other business brought before the board, the meeting adjourned at 1:32 PM.